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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hisashi Kaneko et al.) Group Art Unit: 2123
Application No.: 10/757,415) Examiner: SHARON, Ayal I.
Filed: January 1 <u>5,</u> 2004))) Confirmation No.: 3384
For: SIMULATION CIRCUIT PATTERN EVALUATION METHOD, MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT, TEST SUBSTRATE, AND TEST SUBSTRATE GROUP)))))

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2006, the period to respond to which extending through March 19, 2007, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.